start "Speed Post" service facility at Tirupati and Guntur; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and at what stage of implementation are these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) The speed post facility is already available at Tirupati. The proposal to open a speed post service at Guntur is found not feasible due to non-availability of suitable air transport connection.

Advisory Committee for Doordarshan Kendra Hyderabad

3304. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Advisory Committee for Doordarshan Kendra, Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; if not whether there is any proposal to constitute the same and what are the guidelines in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) The Programme Advisory Committee for Doordarshan Kendra, Hyderabad, has not yet been reconstituted.

As per the guidelines, Programme Advisory Committees are constituted for Programme Producing Doordarshan Kendras. The term of the Advisory Committee is for two years. The number of non-official members is restricted to 15. They should be from within the coverage zone of the Kendra and should represent various disciplines such as 'dance', 'folk art and culture', 'women's and children's welfare', 'youth welfare', 'social welfare', 'science', 'humor', 'film|theatre', 'sports', 'literature', 'scheduled caste|tribe', 'linguistic minorities' etc. Besides, there are some ex-officio members and the Director of the concerned Kendra is the Chairman.

Upgradation of National Highways in Gujarat

3305. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Transport Policy Committee has recommended the upgradation of several Naional Highways in Gujarat;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has also urged the Central Government for the development, constructions and improvement of National Highways in Gujarat; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and the steps Government have taken or contemplating to take for the implementation of the recommendations of National Transport Committee and the request of State Government of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A Statement indicating the roads recommended by the National Transport Policy Committee and those sponsored by the State Government of Gujarat for inclusion in the National Highway grid is enclosed (*See* below) However, one of the roads, i.e. the Beawar-Sirohi-Radhanpur (to Kandla) Road having a length of 450 km. has been already included in the National Highway network in February, 1989. Further additions to the National Highway grid would depend on the outlay for this purpose in the 8th Five Year Plan which is yet to be finalised.

As regards the construction and improvement of existing National Highways is concerned, it is a continuous process and improvement works are being taken up every year in Annual Plan depending upon the *inter-see* priority of projects, availability of funds for the purpose etc.